

BYRON FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING
JUNE 17, 2013

Commissioners present: Auker, Breen, Brooks, Hogan, and Ludwig.

Commissioners absent: none.

Staff present: Brunner, Gerke, Henkel, McCammond, Murray, Tucker, and Wolf.

Guests present: Dan & Connie Kunce and Fred & Meg Bushnell, citizens; and
Mike Rock, State's Attorney.

The meeting was called to order at 7pm.

Executive Director Tucker removed Agenda Items 2(C)(1), 2(C)(5), and 2(C)(11),
Executive Session.

BROOKS MOVED AND BREEN SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE
THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. BREEN – YES, BROOKS – YES, HOGAN – YES,
AUKER – YES, AND LUDWIG – YES.

With the group of citizens in attendance who were interested in the board's
discussion of Weld Memorial Park, President Ludwig opened the floor for discussion of
Agenda Item 11C – Weld Park Contract.

Director Tucker met with Ogle County Sheriff Harn to continue discussions
regarding the Forest Preserve taking over the maintenance and upkeep of Weld Memorial
Park including handling shelter reservations.

The citizens in attendance were concerned with the original contract that was
entered into between the Forest Preserve and Ogle County many years ago. It was
discussed that the previous contract stated that the County would take care of the

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infrastructure and the Forest Preserve would maintain the grounds. Director Tucker will check with the Forest Preserve's attorney and research this further.

The citizens were concerned with the road into the park. It is need of repair. Director Tucker stated that Sheriff Harn is aware of the repairs that need to be done.

The shelter rentals for this park will be free to the public. Scout groups will be able to continue using the park and shelters for their activities at no charge.

The security of the park will continue to be maintained by Dan Koontz.

The name of the park will remain Weld Memorial Park.

The Board generally agreed with moving forward with taking care of Weld Park while a contract is being established for approval.

The citizens thanked the Board for their time and departed the meeting.

BROOKS MOVED AND BREEN SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 20, 2013. BROOKS – YES, HOGAN – YES, AUKER – YES, BREEN – YES, AND LUDWIG – YES.

The correspondence was noted and discussed briefly. Director Tucker passed around the framed photo of those who participated in the Dream Hunt last fall.

HOGAN MOVED AND BROOKS SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY 2013. HOGAN – YES, AUKER – YES, BREEN – YES, BROOKS – YES, AND LUDWIG – YES.

President Ludwig reminded the board of the Northwest Illinois Association of Parks and Recreation meeting to be held on June 20th at 5pm beginning at the Jarrett

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Prairie Center. He also noted that the Jarrett Prairie Center Committee will be taking a field trip to the River Museum in Davenport on July 25th for any board members who would also like to attend. This museum has a river exhibit that the committee would like to see since that type of exhibit is being considered for the Jarrett Prairie Center.

President Ludwig reported on the Bike Path Committee. The Illinois Department of Transportation may have to re-submit the project due to the water drainage issues. Curb and gutter may be needed along Tower Road. Discussion followed.

President Ludwig opened the floor to District Department Heads to present their Staff Reports: Todd Tucker, Administrative Services Department-7:25-7:30 pm; Richie Wolf, Education Department-7:30-7:35 pm-Commissioner Brooks suggested that a pickup/drop-off pattern be established at the Keller Center before school starts. Russell Brunner, Restoration/Maintenance Department-7:35-7:40 pm; Steve Murray, Golf Course Operations-7:40-7:44 pm; and Matt Henkel, Golf Course Maintenance-7:44-7:46 pm.

BROOKS MOVED AND BREEN SECONDED A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO DESTROY THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AUDIO TAPE RECORDING OF DECEMBER 19, 2011. AUKER – YES, BREEN – YES, BROOKS – YES, HOGAN – YES, AND LUDWIG – YES.

BROOKS MOVED AND AUKER SECONDED A MOTION DECLARING THE EQUIPMENT ON THE LIST AS PRESENTED AS SURPLUS. BREEN – YES, BROOKS – YES, HOGAN – YES, AUKER – YES, AND LUDWIG – YES.

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BREEN MOVED AND BROOKS SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PREVAILING WAGE ORDINANCE NO. 13-1. BROOKS – YES, HOGAN – YES, AUKER – YES, BREEN – YES, AND LUDWIG – YES.

BROOKS MOVED AND HOGAN SECONDED A MOTION TO DONATE THE TWO CANOPY SHADES FROM THE OLD STONE QUARRY RECREATION PARK TO THE BYRON PARK DISTRICT. HOGAN – YES, AUKER – YES, BREEN – YES, BROOKS – YES, AND LUDWIG – YES.

AUKER MOVED AND BREEN SECONDED A MOTION TO DONATE THE SKATE PARK RAMPS TO THE BYRON PARK DISTRICT, LEAF RIVER, AND WINNEBAGO PARK DISTRICT. AUKER – YES, BREEN – YES, BROOKS – YES, HOGAN – YES, AND LUDWIG – YES.

HOGAN MOVED AND BREEN SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:01 PM TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. BREEN – YES, BROOKS – YES, HOGAN – YES, AUKER – YES, AND LUDWIG – YES.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Breen, Secretary
Board of Commissioners

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